

Item # \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Dottie Jones

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850,000.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF DETOXIFICATION SERVICES, AND AMENDING THE FY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$566,667.00 FOR THIS PURPOSE. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIKE CARPENTER

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WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers transport individuals in psychiatric crisis or individuals detained in protective custody on suspicion of public intoxication, in accordance with TCA 68-24-507 to a designated health service provider as contracted by Shelby County Government for assessment and treatment referral; and

WHEREAS, This process has been in place for a significant period of time and has an ongoing favorable impact that results in the reduction in the number of individuals brought for processing to the Shelby County Jail for public intoxication or psychiatric crisis; and

WHEREAS, These services, formerly provided by the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (the MED), were transferred to Southeast Mental Health Center, Inc., which also contracts with the State of Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to operate a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) with walk-in-triage capabilities and social detoxification; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a six-month contract on May 1, 2009 with Southeast Mental Health Center, Inc., to provide jail diversion services at the CSU for clients who are intoxicated and transported by law enforcement for assessment in lieu of arrest in compliance with the provisions of TCA Section 68-24-507; and

WHEREAS, The initial contract for these services expires on October 31, 2009 and the County Administration recommends entering into a new contract to continue these services at Southeast Mental Health Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Funds are available in the FY 2010 operating budget in account number 010-201201-8978, Regional Medical Center, for transfer for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the contract with Southeast Mental Health Center, Inc. for the period of November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the FY 2010 operating budget is hereby amended by transferring funds in the amount of \$566,667.00 from account 010-201201-8978, Regional Medical Center, to account 010-480401-6655, Medical Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That funds in the amount of \$566,667.00 be appropriated from Fund 010-480401-6655 for this contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That future renewal options are hereby approved with Southeast Mental Health Center for the provision of these services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Mayor is authorized to execute the aforementioned contract amendment, which will be kept on file in the Purchasing Department.

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A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Summary Sheet**

**Description** – This resolution approves a contract with Southeast Mental Health Center for the provision of detoxification services to individuals transported by law enforcement agencies. These services were formerly provided by contracted services housed at the Regional Medical Center. It was the recommendation of administrators of the MED that these services be housed elsewhere. The space occupied at the MED for these contracted services can be better utilized for other higher acuity needs and the MED will incur savings from the termination of this service requirement. This process has been implemented in order to align identified health resources with needs that otherwise relegated to the Criminal Justice System. In addition to patients transported by law enforcement, individuals can report on their own and be evaluated and triaged to appropriate community resources for detoxification or mental health issues.

### **II. Sources and Amount of Funding**

Funds are available for transfer from the operating appropriation for the Regional Medical Center for this purpose from account number 010-201201-8978 Regional Medical Center.

### **III. Contract Items**

- A. Type of Contract – Provision of detoxification and mental health intervention and referral services for individuals transported by law enforcement or self presenting.
- B. Terms – One year beginning November 1, 2009
- C. Amount - \$850,000.00 annually; \$566,667.00 in FY 2010.

**IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item** – The administration recommends approval of this resolution.